

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



Habitats

Coral reefs

Hardbottom

Mangrove-fringed shorelines & islands

Sand flats

Seagrass meadows

Key Species

Brain & star coral

Loggerhead sponge

Tropical reef fish

Spiny lobster

Bottlenose dolphin

Grouper















Astonishing Fact

The Florida Keys include over 1600 islands, stretching 220 miles from east of Miami to the Dry Tortugas in the Gulf of Mexico.







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The marine environment of the Florida Keys supports over 6,000 species of plants, fishes, and invertebrates and contains the Nation's only barrier coral reef that lies adjacent to North America.



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